GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:441
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2002
BIO FUEL POLICY
Y.G. MAHAJAN

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are contemplating to formulate a National Policy regarding bio-fuel; and

(b) the details and salient features of this policy?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK)

(a) & (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a)&(b) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 441 BY SHRI Y.G. MAHAJAN TO BE ANSWERED ON 19th DECEMBER, 2002 REGARDING BIO-FUEL POLICY.

(a) & (b): Government have already taken a policy decision with regard to blending of ethanol with petrol and have mandated supply of 5% ethanol blended petrol from 1st January, 2003 in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Punjab, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh and the Union Territories of Chandigarh, Daman & Diu, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Pondicherry. Research and Development (R&D) work with regard to 10% blending of ethanol with petrol and 5% blending of ethanol with diesel has been taken up. In addition to this R&D studies of bio-diesel blending with diesel are also underway. Pilot projects for bio-diesel are being planned.